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To PREVENT. *v. a.* [*prævenio*, Lat. *prevenir*, Fr.]

1. To go before as a guide; to go before, making the way easy.

Are we to forsake any true opinion, or to shun any requisite action, only because we have in the practice thereof been prevented by idolaters.

Prevent him with the blessings of goodness. *Psalms* xxi. 3.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour.

Let thy grace, O Lord, always *prevent* and follow us.

1. To go before; to be before; to anticipate.

Mine eyes *prevent* the night-watches, that I might be occupied in thy words.

The same officer told us, he came to conduct us, and that he had *prevented* the hour, because we might have the whole day before us for our business.

Nothing engendered doth *prevent* his meat:

Flies have their tables spread, ere they appear;

Some creatures have in winter what to eat;

Others do sleep.

Soon shalt thou find, if thou but arm their hands,

Their ready guilt *preventing* thy commands;

Could'st thou some great proportion'd mischief frame,

They'd prove the father from whose loins they came, *Pope*.

3. To preoccupy; to preoccupy; to attempt first.

Thou hast *prevented* us with offerings of love, even when we were thine enemies.

4. To hinder; to obviate; to obstruct. This is now almost the only sense.

They *prevented* me in the day of my trouble; but the Lord was my upholder.

I do find it cowardly and vile,

For fear of what might fall, so to *prevent*

The time of life.

Forsooth so lately what would come to pass,

Too great confidence in success is the likeliest to *prevent* it; because it hinders us from making the best use of the advantages which we enjoy.

To PREVENT. *v. n.* To come before the time. A Latinism.

Strawberries watered with water, wherein hath been steeped sheep's dung, will *prevent* and come early.

PREVENTER. *n. f.* [from *prevent*.] One that goes before.

The archduke was the assailant, and the *preventer*, and had the fruit of his diligence and celerity.

2. One that hinders; an hinderer; an obstructer.

PREVENTION. *n. f.* [*prevention*, Fr. from *preventum*, Lat.]

1. The act of going before.

The greater the distance, the greater the *prevention*; as in thunder, where the lightning precedeth the crack a good space.

No odds appear'd

In might or swift *prevention*.

2. Preoccupation; anticipation.

Atchievements, plots, orders, *preventions*, Success or loss.

3. Hindrance; obstruction.

Half way he met

His daring foe, at this *prevention* more

Incens'd.

Prevention of sin is one of the greatest mercies God can vouchsafe.

4. Prejudice; prepossession. A French expression.

In reading what I have written, let them bring no particular gusto or any *prevention* of mind, and that whatsoever judgment they make, it may be purely their own.

PREVENTIONAL. *adj.* [from *prevention*.] Tending to prevention.

PREVENTIVE. *adj.* [from *prevent*.]

1. Tending to hinder.

Wars *preventive* upon just fears are true defences, as well as upon actual invasions.

2. Preservative; hindering ill. It has *of* before the thing prevented.

Physick is curative or *preventive* of diseases; *preventive* is that which, by purging noxious humours, preventeth sickness.

Procuring a due degree of sweat and perspiration, is the best *preventive* of the gout.

PREVENTIVE. *n. f.* [from *prevent*.] A preservative; that which prevents; an antidote.

PREVENTIVELY. *adv.* [from *preventive*.] In such a manner as tends to prevention.

Such as fearing to concede a monstrousness, or mutilate the integrity of Adam, *preventively* conceive the creation of thirteen ribs.

PREVIOUS. *adj.* [*prævi*, Lat.] Antecedent; going before; prior.

By this *previous* intimation we may gather some hopes, that the matter is not desperate.

Sound from the mountain, *previous* to the storm,

Rolls o'er the muttering Earth.

PREVIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *previous*.] Beforehand; antecedently.

Darting their stings, they *previously* declare

Design'd revenge, and fierce intent of war.

It cannot be reconciled with perfect sincerity, as *previously* supposing some neglect of better information.

PREY. *n. f.* [*præda*, Lat.] Antecedence.

1. Something to be devoured; something to be seized; food gotten by violence; ravine; wealth gotten by violence; plunder.

A garriſon ſupported itſelf, by the *prey* it took from the neighbourhood of Ayleſbury.

1. The whole included race his purpoſ'd *prey*.

She fees herſelf the monſter's *prey*,

And feels her heart and intrails torn away.

2. Ravage; depredation.

Hog in ſloth, fox in ſtealth, lion in *prey*.

3. Animal of *prey*, is an animal that lives on other animals.

There are men of *prey*, as well as beaſts and birds of *prey*, that live upon, and delight in blood.

To PREY. *v. n.* [*prædator*, Lat.]

1. To feed by violence. With *on* before the object.

A lioness

Lay couching head on ground, with cat-like watch,

When that the ſleeping man ſhould ſtir: for 'tis

The royal diſpoſition of that beaſt

To *prey* on nothing that doth ſeem as dead.

Put your torches out;

The wolves have *prey'd*, and look the gentle day

Dapples the drowly caſt.

Jove venom ſift inuſ'd in ſerpents fell,

Taught wolves to *prey*, and ſtormy ſeas to ſwell.

Their impious folly dar'd to *prey*

On herds devoted to the god of day.

2. To plunder; to rob.

They pray continually unto their faint commonwealth,

or rather not pray to her, but *prey* on her; for they ride up and down on her, and make her their boots.

3. To corrode; to waste.

Language is too faint to show

His rage of love; it *preys* upon his life;

He pines, he ſickens, he deſpairs, he dies.

PREYER. *n. f.* [from *prey*.] Robber; devourer; plunderer.

PRIAPISM. *n. f.* [*priapismus*, Lat. *priapisme*, Fr.] A preternatural tension.

Luſt cauſeth a flagrantcy in the eyes and *priapism*.

The perſon every night has a *priapism* in his ſleep.

PRICE. *n. f.* [*prix*, Fr. *prævium*, Lat.]

1. Equivalent paid for any thing.

I will buy it of thee at a *price*; neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God, of that which coſt me nothing.

From that which hath its *price* in compoſition, if you take away any thing, or any part do fail, all is diſgrace.

If fortune has a niggard been to thee,

Devote thyſelf to thrift, not luxury;

And wiſely make that kind of food thy choice,

To which neceſſity confines thy *price*.

2. Value; estimation; supposed excellence.

We ſtand in ſome jealousy, left by thus overvaluing their ſermons; they make the *price* and estimation of ſermons, otherwiſe notified, to fall.

3. Rate at which any thing is sold.

Suppoſing the quantity of wheat, in reſpect to its vent be the ſame, that makes the change in the *price* of wheat.

4. Reward; thing purchased at any rate.

Sometimes virtue ſtaves, while vice is ſed;

What then? is the reward of virtue bread?

That, vice may merit; 'tis the *price* of toil;

The knave deſerves it, when he tills the ſoil.

To PRICE. *v. a.* To pay for.

Some ſhall pay the *price* of others guilt;

And he the man that made ſans ſoy to fall,

Shall with his own blood *price* that he hath ſpilt.

To PRICK. *v. a.* [*pricari*, Saxon.]

1. To pierce with a small puncture.

Leave her to heav'n,

And to thoſe thorns that in her boſom lodge,

To *prick* and ſting her.

There ſhall be no more a *pricking* brier unto the houte of

Iſrael, nor any grieving thorn.

If the *pricked* her finger, Jack laid the pin in the way.

2. To form or erect with an acuminated point.

The poets make fame a monſter; they ſay, look how many feathers the hath, ſo many eyes ſhe hath underneath, ſo many tongues, ſo many voices, ſhe *pricks* up ſo many ears.

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A hunted panther casts about

Her glaring eyes, and *pricks* her list'ning ears to scout.

His rough crest he rears,

And *pricks* up his predestinating ears.

The fiery courser, when he hears from far

The sprightly trumpets and the shouts of war,

Pricks up his ears.

A greyhound hath *pricked* ears, but those of a hound hang down; for that the former hunts with his ears, the latter only with his nose.

The tuneful noise the sprightly courser hears,

Paws the green turf, and *pricks* his trembling ears.

Keep close to cars, and those let asses *prick*;

'Tis nothing—nothing; if they bite and kick.

3. To fix by the point.

I cauled the edges of two knives to be ground truly straight, and *pricking* their points into a board, so that their edges might look towards one another, and meeting near their points contain a rectilinear angle, I fastened their handles together with pitch, to make this angle invariable.

4. To hang on a point.

The cooks slice it into little gobbets, *prick* it on a prong of iron, and hang it in a furnace.

5. To nominate by a puncture or mark.

Those many then shall die, their names are *prick*.

Some who are *pricked* for sheriffs, and are fit, set out of the bill.

6. To spur; to goad; to impel; to incite.

When I call to mind your gracious favours,